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DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the environment protection in India is suffering largely due to poor infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to develop environment protection infrastructure?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The country has the legislation and policy framework required for environmental protection . The essential institutional infrastructure for regulatory and administrative functions is provided by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, State Departments for environment and forests and the Central and State Pollution Control Boards. However, considering the vastness of the country, there is need for further strengthening of the available infrastructure.

(c) Government`s efforts to protect the environment are through strengthening the existing infrastructure on the one hand, by way of capacity building and training, provision of physical infrastructure, reform of existing laws, policies and systems, use of e-governance, etc. and on the other hand through other measures such as awareness building and public participation, promotion of scientific research, use of scientific principles for conservation of resources, application of economic instruments, etc.